

Deputy Counsel to the President, was walking behind the President as he worked the line. When the President came to him, O'Connor shook the President's hand and told him that Indian tribes O'Connor represented were concerned about a proposal to build a casino across the river near Hudson, Wis. The President called Lindsey over to speak with O'Connor so that the President could move on. O'Connor described the Hudson issue for Lindsey, including his unsuccessful attempts to discuss the matter with Avent and his concern that Interior was not considering the serious economic impact a Hudson casino would have on neighboring tribes. Lindsey also recalls that O'Connor told him that Delaware North was the owner of the dog track where the casino was to be installed. Lindsey recalls that he told O'Connor that he would get Avent to return his calls.²⁹²

Shortly thereafter, Lindsey took up O'Connor's issue with Ickes, who was accompanying the President on the trip to Minnesota.²⁹³ As described above, O'Connor had told Lindsey that Delaware North was involved in the Hudson casino application. Lindsey recalls that he did not want to handle the matter because his former law firm had represented Delaware North, so he tried to hand the Hudson issue off to Ickes. Ickes told Lindsey that he knew O'Connor and that he would handle O'Connor's issue.

²⁹²In his appearance before the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, O'Connor testified that he believed Lindsey told him, "You will get a call from Loretta Avent, and perhaps from Harold Ickes." *The Department of the Interior's Denial of the Wisconsin Chippewa's Casino Applications, Vol. 1: Hearings Before the Comm. on Government Reform and Oversight*, 105th Cong., 2nd Sess. 433 (1998) (testimony of Patrick O'Connor).

²⁹³Lindsey specifically recalls talking to Ickes about the Hudson matter in Minneapolis on April 24, 1995. Ickes does not recall being on the trip to Minnesota or any details of his discussion with Lindsey, but Air Force One manifests confirm that Ickes was on the trip.